

Peters Canyon Pile Burn

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Planned Burn Date: March-May 2005

Location (Legal Description): 8 miles north of Monticello on Highway 191, San Juan County, (T32S, R23E, Sec 13,26)



Project Size: 168

Project Description: The prescribed burn consists of 2 separate units totaling 168 acres. Previous treatments in this area included 10 acres hand treated by crews with handsaws. Resulting slash was piled and prepared for later burning. 9 acres of piles were burned in March 2005, 19 more acres will be piled for later burning. The remaining 140 acres will be

mechanically treated by a brush cutter this spring. Reducing the fuel load and continuity will decrease the catastrophic fire potential in the area and would contribute to ecological health by increasing perennial grasses and shrubs and diversifying the age class of trees within the project area.

This Wildland Urban Interface project was initiated to protect several homes surrounded by public lands that could be severely impacted by wildfire without mitigation efforts.

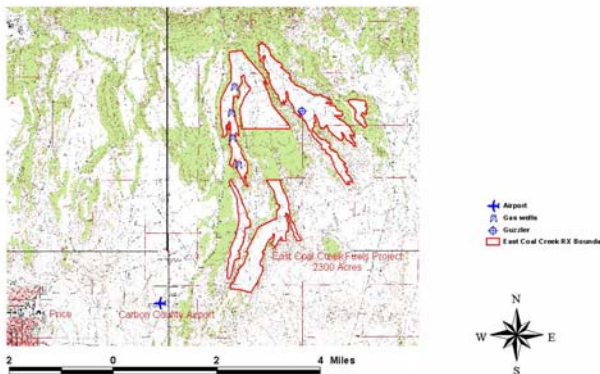
East Coal Creek Broadcast Burn

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Planned Burn Date: March-June 2005 and September-October 2005

Location (Legal Description): 2 miles east of Price, Carbon County, (T13S, R11E, Sections 19,20,27,28,29,30,31 and 33, T14S, R11E Sections 5,6,7,8,9,17 and 18)

East Coal Creek Fuels Treatment



Project Size: 2300

Project Description: This Wildland Urban Interface project provides maintenance to an area treated several years ago in the East Coal Creek Chain and Seed Treatment. A lapse in maintenance has led to a hazardous fuels situation that currently poses a threat to the health and safety of the public, private property, the county airport and the eastern portion of the community of Price. Implementation will include a multi-phase broadcast

burn over the 2300 acres. Successful completion of this project will also result in long term enhancement of wildlife, rangeland, soil, and watershed resources. 168 acres have already been treated. Remaining acres will be treated this spring and fall.

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Planned Burn Date: March-May 2005

Location (Legal Description): The project area is adjacent to the north and west boundaries of the town of East Carbon, Carbon County, (T14S, R13E Sec. 34, 35 and T15S, R13E Sec. 3)



Project Size: 3483

Project Description: Hand crews thinned and piled a 300' foot fuel break on BLM land adjacent to private property in the community of East Carbon. The fuel break is an extension of a fuels treatment on state lands designed to protect the community of East Carbon in the event of a wildfire. Crews began to burn the slash piles in the 83 acre fuel break in the

winter of 2004 and will finish the burning this spring. Phase II of the East Carbon project is design to extend the project area an additional 3392 acres to the north and west. The written plan, consisting of a mixture of hand thinning and piling and mechanical treatment, for this Wildland Urban Interface project has already been completed and implementation is scheduled for the year 2006.

Price Recreation Pile Burn

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Planned Burn Date: March-May 2005

Location (Legal Description): 12 miles north northeast of Price, Carbon County (T12S, R9E, Sec. 21,28)



Project Size: 180

Project Description: Previously 110 acres were cut, piled and burned by crews. Approximately 20 more acres still have piles that will be burned this spring. The remaining 50 acres will be cut and piled by a contractor this spring and burned by BLM crews during winter months. This project was designed to protect the public safety at the recreation site

due to the one road that serves as the entrance and exit. Mitigation efforts by the BLM have improved access and reduced the impact of wildfire to the recreation area.

Tamarisk Pile Burn

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Planned Burn Date: March-May 2005

Location: Various locations along the Colorado River, Grand County.



Project Size: 55

Project Description: During 2003, crews mechanically treated the project area using chainsaws, removing vegetation and the invasive tamarisk in various locations around multiple campgrounds on the river. Slash was piled and burned during winter months. Over the 2004/2005 winter months the youth corp and crews cut additional acres and piled it for burning this spring. In addition, 43 acres were

treated as part of a riparian restoration project along the river corridor. Resulting slash will be burned this spring and fall.

Mineral Point/Horsethief Campground Pile Burn

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Planned Burn Date: March-May 2005

Location (Legal Description): Along the Mineral Point Road about ¼ mile west of Highway 313, Grand County (T25S, R19E, Sec. 34)



Project Size: 60 Acres

Project Description: After the new Horsethief Campground was staked out, crews went in with chainsaws to thin the over stocked/dense stand of pinyon/juniper trees in the project area. Slash was piled and covered to minimize the spread of beetles and will be burned this spring. The project area has experienced significant vegetation mortality due to drought and the beetle kill. The combination of dead trees

mixed within an overstocked stand has resulted in a hazard to the public at the newly designed 60+ site Horsethief Campground.

Ray Mesa Project

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Planned Burn Date: March-June 2005

Location (Legal): East side of Ray Mesa, San Juan County, (T29S, R25E, Sec. 1)



Project Size: 377

Project Description: In the summer of 2004, crews manually reduced fuel loads on 17 acres in the buffer area of the project. Meanwhile, a contractor came in with a brush hog and reduced fuels on 324 acres. This spring, crews will continue work on the buffer thinning and piling for burning over the 2005 fall/winter months.

Research Broadcast Burn

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Planned Burn Date: March-June 2005

Location (Legal): **5- 3 acre units in Grand County: The first unit is 1 mile northeast of Whitbeck Rock, (T26S, R19E Sec. 27), The remaining units are 7.5 miles north of I-70 and 1.5 miles west of the Colorado border, (T17S, R26E Sec. 30)

Project Size: 15

Project Description: This spring crews will broadcast burn the study areas. These burns are intended to provide opportunities to test restoration techniques on areas affected by fire. These sites were chosen due to variation in soil types, moisture distribution and site specific vegetation communities. The project goal is to develop an understanding of the recruitment of native species in relation to soil food web trophic structure, specifically the presence and influence of mycorrhizal fungi, for rangeland restoration efforts initiated by the Bureau of Land Management.